

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Dalena Tran	Art Unit 3661	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS**. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 2/1/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-50, and 58-72(renumbered as 1-65).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This communication is an Examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on 7/17/03, assigned serial 10/620378 and title "Using route narrative symbols".

2. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

After carefully reviewing the application in light of the amended claims and the additional search of all the possible areas relevant to the present application, a set of related prior art references has been found, but those prior art references are not deemed strong to make the application unpatentable. Thus, it is found that the application is now in condition for allowance.

As per claims 1, 28, and 38, the prior art of record does not disclose a method, a computer-readable medium, and a system for displaying driving directions having multiple maneuvers, the method comprising: presenting, as a constituent part of the driving directions, a first maneuver and a second maneuver along a route involving a particular interstate, such that the first and second maneuvers are presented consecutively among the driving directions, and associating an interstate shield route symbol that has substantially the same appearance as an interstate road sign with less than all presented maneuvers being presented along the route and involving the particular interstate. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

As per claims 2, 24, 29, and 39, the prior art of record does not disclose a method, a computer-readable medium, and a system for displaying driving directions having

multiple maneuvers, the method comprising: associating an interstate shield route symbol and includes a road number with a maneuver of the driving directions that represents a first occurrence of a particular interstate having the road number in a list of maneuvers for the route; and repeating the associating until all first occurrences of particular interstates are associated with corresponding interstate shield route symbols. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

As per claims 4, and 5, the prior art of record does not disclose a method for displaying driving directions having multiple maneuvers, the method comprising: associating an interstate shield route symbol that has substantially the same shape, and the same coloration as an interstate road sign and includes a road number with a maneuver of the driving directions that represents a first occurrence of a particular interstate having the road number in a list of maneuvers for the route. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

As per claims 23, 35, and 45, the prior art of record does not disclose a method, a computer-readable medium, and a system for displaying driving directions having multiple maneuvers, the method comprising: accessing priority information that includes, for each of several route symbol types, a priority and a condition; determining a route symbol of the several route symbol types to be associated with a maneuver of the driving directions based on a priority associated with the route symbol and the maneuver fulfilling a condition associated with the route symbol. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

As per claims 27, 37, and 47, the prior art of record does not disclose a method, and a computer-readable medium for displaying driving directions having multiple maneuvers, the method comprising: each maneuver in a list of maneuvers for the route is associated with at most one route symbol, and a graphical road-identifying symbol comprises a route symbol of a country other than the United States. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Claims 1-50, and 58-72, are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30 AM-4:00 PM), off every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 571-272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Examiner

Dalena Tran

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